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ALL THE NEWS AND THE LATEST GOSSIP OF THE NEW YORK THEATRES.



Mrs. Langtry Discloses the Secret of Her Perennial Youth and Beauty and at the Same Time Pays Her Compliments to the Critics—Her Success as a Theatre Manager.

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But, honcestly, now, there are speeches, and plenty of them, in "Jim Bludso" and "The Ninety and Nine" that are not only truer to life and character parts out of raw human nature.

The Same Time Pays Her Compliments to the Critics—Her Success as a Theatre output of the Caine or Fitch play-factories, but are actually written with a fine instinct for the cadences of the Enlish tongue and a keener valuation of the spoken phrase as an ingredient in the emotional cocktail.

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Not on your life! Katherine Gray and Edwin Arden in "The Ninety and Nine." Hilliard, Roberts, Craven. Wilkes and Josephine Lovett in "Jim Bludso" carve their character parts out of raw human nature.

Personally you may prefer your carving not quite so thick, but, anyway, the honest bone and sinew are better than a ragout that you can't identify.

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HEN the "forrin" maid had hooked didn't matter. had been told in imported language she in most cases dealing principally with might go out and play with the jolly matters entirely remote from the play." stage hands for a little while. Mrs. Did you read the—the notices?" Langtry composed herself in a corner There was a slightly scornful curve to of her dressing-room at the Garrick and the lips, which threatened Mansfieldian smiled pleasantly, as though to say: response, Now I'm comfy and all ready to be admitted:

Interviewed." It was all so nice and cozy and chatty of them. I'm saving them to read some when here three seasons ago.

It was easy to ask Mrs. Langtry how she managed to keep perennially young. "By not worrying about getting old," she promptly said, flashing a whiteteethed smile, which told that the subject was perfectly agreeable to her.

"You mean to say, then, that you are able to complacently and contentedly look forward to old age?"

Mrs. Langtry raised her eyes and looked upward through the darkened lashes, pursed her lips as if about to say "Now, don't be wholly unreasonable!" then decided to laugh her way

out of a direct answer. "Well," she finally said. "I'm not distressing myself about it, anyway. Do you know," leaning forward and becoming as confidential as if she had a cup of tea in her hand, "I believe I have succeeded in 'keeping my age,' as they say, simply because I never allow myself to think about getting old, and never per-mit my thoughts to dwell on unpleasant

"There's nothing so lovely as the blush of modest confusion on a youthful cheek, but when it spreads to the hands it goes too -"Gretna Green."

Take That, Messieurs!

"Unpleasant things" suggested so strongly some of the criticisms printed on "The Crossways" that it was quite impossible to restrain an impulse to ask birs. Langtry how she felt about the reception of her play. Imagine the visitor's surprise at hearing her say:

"I was very well pleased with what the critics said."

She must have noticed astonishment for, putting aside her smile for the moment, she went on to explain:

who are entitled to be called critics I who by long exercise of their in-igence and their judgment have come be recognised authorities on the sub-t of the cheatry. I liked and appre-

Their articles could the back of the sea-green gown scarcely be dignified by the name of across those placid shoulders and 'criticisms.' They were merely 'notices,'

"I merely glanced over one or two

that one couldn't help feeling sorry for other time, when I'm in an atmosphere where they can't possibly have any efthe poor, ostracised audience sitting so feet upon my feelings or my work. This stiffly and seriously out there on the is always the better thing to do, I find. other side of the footlights, paying for Keep unpleasant things for a bright and imperial Theatre a Success two hours and a half something which wasn't worth half as much as five minutes of sociability with this remarkable woman, who, even at close markable woman, who, even at close range, looks younger than she did when here three seasons ago. bring scowls and wrinkles and bad dis position and lots of other nasty things." At thought of which Mrs. Langtry made a dreadfully wry face at one of her handsomest gowns hanging limply

> "We can't help what we feel, but we can help what we do." -"Jim Bludso."

Cold Stab at the Earl.

Mrs. Langtry had little else than silent contempt for the Earl of Roslyn, who, in his latest role as critic of a morning newspaper, concealed safely, as he imagines, behind a short pseudonym that is too big for him, evidently had no disposition to do his country woman a good turn, despite the fact that she gave him his start as an actor and is understood to have vouchsafed friendly offices in other directions.

'So bad an actor could scarcely be exected to make an able critic," was her caustic summary of His Lordship. "Did I think him ungrateful? Why!" with the first show of irony, "don't you know is very foolish to expect gratitude for any but future favors?"

She drummed reminiscently on the round of her chair and hummed a little air. Suddenly she started up and threw off the mood with a careless toss of her

"I'm forgetting," she laughed, "that this is one of the things I musn't think about. What's the use, any way, bothering about anything said by a man who wrote a book about the war in Africa in which he called his own countrymen cowards?"

She picked a thread off her skirt and fish by doing a little something for the poor; she will take daily walks as long slowly pulling it to pieces, meditatively

"It sometimes seems that some people find their greatest delight in making, or trying to make, other people unhappy. It would surprise you to see the number of letters I get from peo-ple of whom I never heard, yet who appear to be intent upon hurting my



PARE your jeers at melodrama, gentle reader.

Anyway, treat it fairly. Don't flout it when it riots unashamed way, disguised in its Fitch wig or its Caine whiskers.

Believe me, the undisguised article is wholesomer. Fourteenth street has the best of it "The Ninety and Nine" is nearer art than "The Eternal City," and "Jim Bludso" than "The Girl with the Green Eyes."

Yes, nearer art! And that includes a great deal.

Better writing, for instance. (Oh! isn't it bold of me?)

" My Withering Laly."

"I promptly threw it away without

reading another word. I never allow myself to read the effusions of self-ap-

our 'oneymoon he used to say

-"Gretna Green."

chair to furnish a room."

probably drop her sewing to read:

permitted anything frivolous."

owing the career of Mrs. Osborn's play-

nouse?" was suggested.
"No, I never heard of it until

reached here, and then it was closed.

"Nothing. The London papers are sadly lacking in American news."

Mrs. Langtry didn't seem to be joking

"Talk about the horrors of sol-

itary confinment! 'Tis nothing to

being buried alive with uncon-

"That's one reason way I am able to take such a cheerful view of getting

old. Listen, if you want to hear just how this old lady has planned to end

her days. She will go to a farm-a big.

green farm, with cows and sheep and slanting-roofed barns—and she will read

a lot of books she has been promising herself to read all her life; she will

struggle against being thoroughly se!

as she is able to walk; she will go to bed at 10 o'clock every night and rise

at 6 o'clock every morning; and," with a hungry laugh, "she will eat everything she wants—and all she wants!"

"A well-bred girl never refuses

anything under eighty."

From Stage to Farm.

-"Gretna Green."

genial people."

have done so."

And not only better writing, but better construction.

Oh, you may talk about the obviousness of the nuashamed melodrama in Pourteenth street, only to flirt wih it when you meet it on Broad- but it isn't a circumstance to the obviousness of its Broadway cousin. Nothing in "Jim Bludso" is so absurdly obvious as the whole scheme of "The Eternal City" as revealed by La Viola when, in the first act, she clinches her fists and caws: "Leave him to me! Leave him to me-e-e-e!"

As for stage realism, the locomotive at the Academy and the burning of the Prairie Bell at the Fourteenth Street are both livelier and cleaner than Fitch's plaster Apollo or Caine's wax Pope.

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FOUR NEW PIECES NEXT WEEK.

A BOUQUET FOR FOURTEENTH STREET.

pointed critics. I glance quickly ove every letter, getting an idea of its tone, and there is always a waste basket awaiting my decision. variety and promise to make next week

that it only took me, 'im and a Here's something Mrs. Osborn will "Yes, I do think a woman can mancomes "the birl in the cage" by being comes "the birl in the cage" by being enticed into a meeting with a frivolous son of the household in the smoking-room after the others have gone to bed. Discovery and compilications follow, but matters are straightened out and the foreman and his bride-to-be are promised by way of amends. a home in the mansion for life. Edward Harrigan will return to Broadway in the character of Michael O'Brien, a champion of labor, and Sandol Milliken will play Rosaile. age a theatre and make it successful. Mrs. Langtry made this declaration "Have I followed any single, definite plan? Yes, I have followed the plan of keeping my house dignified. Some of my plays may not have been as good as might have been wished, but they at least were dignified. I have never

Charles Frohman's Empire company "You were doubtless interested in folwill return to New York and open the regular winter season at the Empire Theatre Tuesday evening, when it will present Robert Marshall's play, Unforseen," now running at the Maymarket Theatre, London. Henry Traquair, a once dissipated young man, elopes with Margaret Fielding, and takes her to a hotel in Paris. Here Traquair meets a friend and a country vicar, and, anticipating the ceremony, introduces Margaret as his wife. A few minutes later. Traquair learns that through the failure of a bank he has lost every cent and makes up his mind he cannot marry. He leaves, saying he will kill himself, and later keeps his word. On returning to England, Margaret and the Vicar-now totally blind—fall in love and are married. The vicar's eyesight is finally restored and he thne recognizes in Margaret the woman who was introduced as Traquair's wife. He is about to repudiate her when his friend convinces him of her innocence and they live haopily ever after. Margaret Anglin and Charles Richman will play the principal roles.

Tuesday evening, at the Metropolitan Opera-House, Elonora Duse will give a Inforseen," now running at the May-"The London papers printed nothing about Mrs. Osborn's enterprise?" "There's an infinite amount of work involved in conducting a theatre, but some day I hope to be able to enjoy a good long rest," said Mrs. Langtry.

Opera-House, Elonora Duse will give a final performance of "Francesca da final performance of "Francesca da Rimini," and on Wednesday and Friday afternoons will appear in the Suder-mann play, "Magda." This will be the first time this season for the Italian actress to appear in other than D'Annunzio plays.

On Wednesday afternoon, Charles B Dillingham will inaugurate a series of special matinees at the Criterion Thea tre for the presentation of "The Lattic Princess." a new play by Frances Hodge Princess, a new play by Frances Hoog-son Burnett for "children and grown-up children." With the exception of Satur-day the matinees will be daily during Julia Marlowe's engagement in "The Cavalier." Francis Nellson, of the Covent Garden Theatre, London, will stage the production and the cast will include Millie James, Makel Tallaferro, and several other clever young actresses and actors.

OUR new productions, the opening of the new Majestic Theatre, and Mme. Duse as Magda for the first time in New York this season insure with the opened Thursday evening with "The Wizard of Oz," described as a combinatheatrically interesting.

Another Clyde Fitch play, "The Bird in the Cage" will be made known at the Bijou Theatre Monday evening. In this comedy the characters will be drawn from the every-day walks of life, and homely subjects will be dealt with. A pretty young girl, employed in the home of a paper manufacturer, and who loves the foreman of the factory, becomes "the birl in the cage" by helps.

Ethel Barrymore will appear at the Harlem Opera-House throughout the week in "Carrots" and "A Country Mouse.

Bertha Galland, in "Notra Dame," a dramatization of Victor Hugo's romance, will be the attraction at the

the title role, will be the revival at the Murray Hill.

Brandon Tynan will appear at the Metropolis in "Robert Emme, the Days of 1808," which recently enjoyed a run of twelve weeks at the Fourteenth Street Theatre. of twelve weeks at the Fourteenth Street Theatre.

"Zig 75ag Ailey" is the name of the trick farce which Zeb and Zarrow's company will perform at the Star.

The West End Theatre will have the Brothers Byrne in the pantomine entertainment. "Eight Hells,"

"The Scales of Justice" will be produced at the Americaun Theatre.

"The Land of the Living" will be revived at the Third Avenue.

The Merry Maidens burlesque company will be the attraction at the Dewey.

Dewey.

Mid-week matiness of "Gretna Green" at the Madison Square Theatre will heretofore be given on Thursdays.

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